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If appropriately resourced (i.e., in human operator terms) ADPS can support any retrospective or current indexing requirement. When performing such ad hoc Herculean efforts it is well to recall indexing principles and thesauri concepts, in keeping with future research requirements: the development for which needs to be as precise as the read-only memory instructions for operating a computer system.

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